

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/618,603 Confirmation No. : 5348
First Named Inventor : Naoki MATSUMOTO
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Customer No. : 23911

Title : Plasma Processing Apparatus

REPLY

Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2006. **An extension of the time period for response to the Office Action is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and the appropriate fee is submitted herewith.**

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.